

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the present application.

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Previously Presented)** Iron- and vitamin-enriched rice or barley, wherein rice grains or barley grains are coated with an emulsifying agent-coated iron salt composition and vitamins, and further coated with a mixture of a hydrogenated oil and a polyglycerol fatty acid ester, wherein the emulsifying agent is an enzymatically decomposed lecithin; and the emulsifying agent-coated iron salt has an average particle diameter of from 0.05 to 0.8 μm .

2. **(Previously Presented)** Iron-enriched rice or barley, wherein rice grains or barley grains are coated with a mixture comprising an iron salt, a hydrogenated oil and a polyglycerol fatty acid ester, wherein the iron salt has an average particle diameter of from 0.05 to 0.5 μm .

3. **(Previously Presented)** Iron- and vitamin-enriched rice or barley, wherein rice grains or barley grains are coated with a mixture comprising an emulsifying agent-coated iron salt composition, vitamins, a hydrogenated oil and a polyglycerol fatty acid ester, wherein the emulsifying agent is an enzymatically decomposed lecithin; and the emulsifying agent-coated iron salt has an average particle diameter of from 0.05 to 0.8 μm .

4-8. **(Canceled)**

9. **(New)** The iron- and vitamin-enriched rice or barley according to claim 1, wherein said iron salt comprises one or more salts selected from the group consisting of ferric pyrophosphate, ferric citrate, ferrous sodium citrate, ferrous sulfate, ferric gluconate, iron lactate, ferric hydroxide, ferric chloride, ferrous fumarate, iron sesquioxide and iron threonine.

10. (New) The iron-enriched rice or barley according to claim 2, wherein said iron salt comprises one or more salts selected from the group consisting of ferric pyrophosphate, ferric citrate, ferrous sodium citrate, ferrous sulfate, ferric gluconate, iron lactate, ferric hydroxide, ferric chloride, ferrous fumarate, iron sesquioxide and iron threonine.

11. (New) The iron- and vitamin-enriched rice or barley according to claim 3, wherein said iron salt comprises one or more salts selected from the group consisting of ferric pyrophosphate, ferric citrate, ferrous sodium citrate, ferrous sulfate, ferric gluconate, iron lactate, ferric hydroxide, ferric chloride, ferrous fumarate, iron sesquioxide and iron threonine.

12. (New) The iron- and vitamin-enriched rice or barley according to claim 1, wherein said polyglycerol fatty acid ester is an ester formed between a polyglycerol having an average degree of polymerization of 3 to 11 and a fatty acid having 6 to 22 carbon atoms.

13. (New) The iron-enriched rice or barley according to claim 2, wherein said polyglycerol fatty acid ester is an ester formed between a polyglycerol having an average degree of polymerization of 3 to 11 and a fatty acid having 6 to 22 carbon atoms.

14. (New) The iron- and vitamin-enriched rice or barley according to claim 3, wherein said polyglycerol fatty acid ester is an ester formed between a polyglycerol having an average degree of polymerization of 3 to 11 and a fatty acid having 6 to 22 carbon atoms.

15. (New) The iron- and vitamin-enriched rice or barley according to claim 1, wherein said vitamin comprises one or more vitamins selected from the group consisting of vitamin A, vitamin B₁, vitamin B₂, vitamin B₆, vitamin B₁₂, vitamin C, vitamin D, vitamin E, niacin (nicotinic acid), pantothenic acid and folic acid.

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16. (New) The iron- and vitamin-enriched rice or barley according to claim 3, wherein said vitamin comprises one or more vitamins selected from the group consisting of vitamin A, vitamin B₁, vitamin B₂, vitamin B₆, vitamin B₁₂, vitamin C, vitamin D, vitamin E, niacin (nicotinic acid), panthothenic acid and folic acid.